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SUBJ: CLEARANCES: COLOMBIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN SCIENTIFIC
VESSELS

REF: BOGOTA A-146

1. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION UNDER COVER
OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE COPIES OF LETTERS FROM DIRECTOR OF THE
GEOPHYSIC INSTITUTE OF THE ANDES, JAVERIANA UNIVERSITY, WHICH
A) SET REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ACQUIRED
AS A RESULT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN COLOMBIAN WATERS AND
B) COMPLAIN OVER LACK OF COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD BY TWO
AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION INCLUDE
A) JOINT PUBLICATION OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS WHEN THERE HAS
BEEN SUBSTANTIAL COLOMBIAN INPUT, B) REASONABLY EXPENDITIOUS
PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS WHEN THIS IS DONE BY THE FOREIGN
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION AND C) COPIES OF THE RESULTS, INCLUDING
MAPS, CHARTS, ETC., TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF PORTS AND MARITIME AFFAIRS AS WELL AS TO THE LOCAL INSTITUTION
PARTICIPATING IN THE RESEARCH.

3. COMPLAINTS RESULTS FROM WHAT COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDS AS
A LACK OF COOPERATION BY TWO U. S. UNIVERSITIES,
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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, BOTH OF WHICH

HAVE CONDUCTED RESEARCH IN COLOMBIAN WATERS DURING PAST TWO YEARS.
ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF GEOPHYSIC INSTITUTE, NEITHER UNIVERSITY HAS
PROVIDED RESULT OF RESEARCH.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST STATE CONTACT UNIVERSITIES OF
WASHINGTON AND HAWAII REGARDING DELAY IN PUBLISHING RESULTS OF
RESEARCH IN COLOMBIAN WATERS AND PROVIDING COPIES TO APPROPRIATE
COLOMBIAN INSTITUTIONS. END ACTION REQUESTED.

5. COMMENT. LATEST NOTE IS FOLLOW-UP TO THAT TRANSMITTED BY
REFAIR. LACK OF COOPERATION BY US SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS MATTER MAY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO
OBTAIN CLEARANCES FOR SCIENTIFIC VESSELS IN THE FUTURE.
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